(c) the reasons for the river being more polluted than it was last year despite spending a lot under the Yamuna Action Plan; and

(d) what are the plans of Government to clean Yamuna fully within time bound programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) Yes, Sir. "Clean Yamuna Campaign" was launched for 3 days from 2nd to 4th June, 2003 at six locations on both the embankments of river Yamuna in NCT of Delhi;

(b) to (d) The main reasons of pollution of river Yamuna in Delhi are as follows:

- Shortfall of about 950 mld sewage treatment capacity,
- Siltation and Settlement of about 91 km. of trunk sewers,
- Lack of dilution capacity in the river downstream of Wazirabad barrage,
- Discharge of waste water from unsewered areas and slums, situated on the banks of the river and major drains, directly into the river.

Yamuna Action Plan-II for Delhi has been approved at a cost of Rs. 387.17 crore with a view to tackle various components *inter-alia*.

- 135 mld STP capacity creation and 324 mld STP capacity rehabilitation,
- Rehabilitation/Replacement of 30.82 kms. of trunk sewers

In addition to this, the Government of NCT of Delhi is taking various other measures for cleaning of river Yamuna.

Appointment of technically qualified persons on SPCB

1371. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Pollution Control Board had issued any instruction for the State Pollution Control Board to appoint technically

qualified persons on the posts of its Chairman and Member Secretary and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what are the names of State Pollution Control Boards which have not implemented those directions and the reasons furnished by each Board in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) and (b) The Central Government has addressed the State Governments emphasizing the need for appointment of persons having requisite professional knowledge and experience for providing effective leadership to their organizations as Chairman and Member Secretaries of State Pollution Control Boards, in accordance with the statutory provisions. Various States have communicated their positive response in the matter and have initiated the process of its implementation.

Cultivation of forest land by small and marginal farmers

1372. SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, a large number of small and marginal farmers are unauthorisedely cultivating the forest land in the country;

(b) if so, their number and the extent of land unauthorisedely cultivated by them, State-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that much of this land be belongs to the C & D categories of forest land;

(d) if so, what is the extent of this land cultivated by the small and marginal farmers, State-wise; and

(e) whether it is a fact that most of these small and marginal farmers do not own any other lands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) to (e) No such detailed reports have been received by the Central Government that the small and marginal farmers are unauthorizedly